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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

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An ADDRESS *to the inhabitants of* ILLINOIS, *by* HENRY HAMILTON, *Lieutenant Governour of* Detroit *and its dependencies*, &c. &c. *found among Mr.* Hamilton's *papers.*

AS nothing more can be wiſhed for in behalf of ſo remote an eſtabliſhment as yours, than the enjoyment of a free trade, the ſecure poſſeſſion of property, and the tranquillity of private families, I muſt ſuppoſe that I addreſs myſelf to a people who know their intereſt, and who are ſenſible of the misfortunes to which they will be expoſed by withdrawing themſelves from the dominion of the King of England.

If I could, by proper repreſentations, impreſs them with a due ſenſe of their errour, in facilitating the entrance of the rebels into their country, in neglecting their duty to their King, and committing an offence againſt God, I ſhould, in ſo doing, feel a true ſatisfaction. I ſhall make it my glory to reſtore the happineſs, and regain the confidence of a people who have been ſeduced from the right way, by evil examples, and evil counſels; but who are ſtill capable of diſcerning good from evil, and again becoming good ſubjects and good Chriſtians.

The ſtorm which threatens them on all ſides is gathering faſt, and will ſoon burſt without diſtinction on the rebels and thoſe who ſhall ſupport them. Let them therefore imitate the conduct of their relations and friends at the poſt of St. Vincents; who, having ſeen their errour, have by voluntarily forſaking it, availed themſelves of the protection of his Britannick Majeſty, ever diſpoſed to forget the faults of thoſe who know how to deſerve his goodneſs, by returning to their duty.

In order to make the inhabitants of the Illinois ſenſible of their dangerous ſituation, it is neceſſary to unfold to them, the means and preparations which will be made uſe of to expel the rebels, and reeſtabliſh that peace and tranquillity which have been diſtributed by thoſe who feel no attachment but to their intereſt.

The Chickaſaws, Cherokees, and the other ſouthern nations, inveterate enemies to the rebels, are ready to invade the Illinois on the firſt opening of the ſpring, they will be ſuſtained by a regiment of the King's troops now on their way from Penſcola with their officers; the whole under the conduct of the ſuperintendant of the ſouthern department.

The nations inhabiting the ſhores of the lakes will all be devoted to whatever ſervice I ſhall recommend to them.

Thoſe of the Wabaſh who came down this fall, have acted in concert with them, and have abandoned the flag of the rebels.

The ſix nations, the Chawanous, the Iſonnontouans begirt the frontiers cloſely every where, the communication by the falls of the Ohio is intercepted, the rivers blocked up. This is the proſpect which preſents itſelf to the conſideration of the inhabitants of the Illinois; and if they ſuffer themſelves any longer to be ſo far blinded by the promiſes of the Americans (hitherto ſo badly fulfilled) as to range themſelves under their ſtandards; they muſt prepare to abide by the conſequences.

The reinforcement of troops which I expect this ſpring, will enable me to ſupport the good, and to puniſh bad ſubjects.

May honour, gratitude, and religion, may conjugal love and parental tenderneſs operate on their minds, that I may eſpouſe with warmth the intereſts of the inhabitants of the Illinois. This ſhall be the object of my cares; this is what I wiſh with fervour and ſincerity.

(Signed) H. H. Lt. G. (L. S.)

Sent off by H. Baulon, 29th of December, 1778.

Tranſlated by order of the Board.

(A true copy) CHARLES BELLINI, Clk. *of Foreign Correſpondence.*

To the PRINTERS.

WHILE various conjectures are formed about the conduct of the inhabitants in the lower parts of the country, upon the late invaſion, perhaps the ſentiments of one, who was a ſpectator, may be acceptable to the publick. It may appear ſurpriſing to thoſe, remote from the ſcene of action, that no better reſiſtance was made; but when every circumſtance is known and conſidered, there will be no room for wonder, nor cauſe of cenſure. Thoſe counties have been drained of ſo many young men during the war, that their military force is very trifling, even if employed with the utmoſt ſkill. The people could not be inſenſible of this, and their own weakneſs in every reſpect; therefore it was natural for them to be alarmed on the ſudden arrival of a fleet, which looked really formidable. The officers, when they ſaw the rapid progreſs of the ſhips, perceived their danger; but could they have laid the moſt perfect plan for a noble defence, they had not time to execute it. Some of them exerted their efforts in raiſing militia to throw aſſiſtance into the fort; but before this could be done, it was attacked and forced to ſurrender. For ſuch was the difference between the ſtrength of the aſſailants, and thoſe who oppoſed them, that nothing great could reaſonably be expected from the latter. After this, every thing within the environs of Norfolk, was in the hands of the Britiſh troops. Struck with dread and conſternation, many of the inhabitants eſcaped from their habitations with all they could carry away; the more cool and deliberate, reſolved to remain in their houſes and aſk for mercy: And in general, if they have offended, this is their only fault, that they implored clemency and mercy. The troops did not ſcour the whole of the lower counties, but wherever they marched, the people are much diſtreſſed, and call aloud not only for pity and compaſſion, but for relief and aſſiſtance. The article of bread is much wanted among them; and I doubt not that the humane and charitable will turn their attention to the ſufferings of their countrymen, while the unthinking and unfeeling will condemn their conduct, and accumulate their misfortunes. However it is to be hoped that, in a country like this, there will be only a ſmall proportion of the latter; for how deſtitute of every chriſtian virtue? How loſt to every noble and generous ſentiment muſt that man be, who can bear down upon the oppreſſed, and add weight to their afflictions!

PLAIN TRUTH.

TO BE SOLD,

A TOP GALLANT SAIL SCHOONER, burthen 50 tons completely fitted for ſea, with her rigging and apparel as good as new, and has been well proved to be a fine ſailer, with her cargo on board, which conſiſts of tar, turpentine, and ſhingles. Any purchaſer may have her with or without the cargo. We will take half the money at the cloſing of the bargain, and give three months credit for the other half, on good ſecurity. For terms apply to *Bajieu Lapert* and Co. Merchant at *Edenton.*

A VENDRE,

UNE grande goalette portant perroquets, reconnuë pour une fine voiliere, du port d'environ 50 tonneaux, avec ſes aggrès et appareaux; voile de chaſſe &c. cables, ancres, ayant ſa cargaiſon à bord, qui conſiſte en goldron, terebentine et eſſentes; celui qui voudra l'acheter pourra l'avoir avec ou ſans la cargaiſon. Les conditions de la vente ſeront moitié comptant et moitié autre mois, en donnant caution de la ſomme due, on ſadreſſera a mm. *Bajieu Lapert* and Co. negt. a *Edenton.* (1‖)

To be RENTED, *and entered upon in the fall,*

THE glebe houſe of *Lunenburg* pariſh in *Richmond* county, with proper offices, &c. and garden in good repair with or without 400 acres of good foreſt land. It is a remarkable healthy ſituation, in a genteel neighbourhood, within 2 miles of the church, courthouſe, and mill, and very ſuitable for a ſmall family. For terms apply to the rector of the ſaid pariſh, who lives near the premiſes. (1‖)

KING & QUEEN, *June* 18, 1779.

THIS is to inform any perſon having a right to receive the amount of two bonds, given by us, the ſixth day of *January* 1776, to *Mary Brooke*, that the money is ready, and after the date hereof, we ſhall not hold ourſelves bound to pay intereſt.

(2‖) DANIEL HEMINGWAY.
RICHARD BOURN.

LOST out of a baggage waggon between *Smithfield* and *Suffolk*, a pair of black leather ſaddle bags containing ſundry cloaths, ſhirts, ſtocks, and handkerchiefs, marked I R and D L, a gold laced ſcarlett waiſtcoat &c; a red pocket book with a ſilver claſp and worked on the edges with ſilver thread, containing papers of no conſequence but to the owner. Whoever will deliver the ſaddle bags with there contents to Mr. *John Taylor*, in *Smithfield*, Mr. *Humphry Richard's*, in *Blandford*, or give notice to the printer where they may be had, ſhall receive 10s dollars reward or if ſtolen, 100 pounds on conviction of the thief.

ON the third day of *June* there came a man to my houſe who ſaid his name was *Smith*, and that he lived in *Cheſterfield* county, who brought with him a very likely bay mare, with a good ſaddle, three bridles, and a halter, a bag containing ſundry cloths, *viz.* a newmarket coat, waiſtcoat, and a pair of breeches, two ſhirts, two ſtocks, one pair of ſtockings, and many other trifling articles; alſo two good watches, one of them an exceeding good gold watch. On endeavouring to take him to juſtice he made his eſcape, and left the things with me, except the mare and watches. Any perſon claiming any of the above mentioned articles, may have them by applying to me at *Halifax* courthouſe.

(2‖) SIMON JACKSON.

STAYED or STOLEN out of the continental paſture in *Williamſburg*, the 26th of *May*, a bright bay horſe, upwards of 14 hands high, 5 years old, no brand, or has any white about him that I remember, before when carried off, and the ſhoes ſo lately taken off his hind feet, that the nail holes may be ſeen, and lately docked, ſo that his tail is not yet well; he paces trots and gallops. I will give a reward of fifty dollars to any perſon that will deliver the ſaid horſe to the ſubſcriber oppoſite *Weſt Point*, in *King & Queen*, or direct me where to ſend ſo that I get him again.

(2‖) HENRY DUDLEY.

STOLEN out of my paſture in the night of the 6th inſtant *(June)* a ſmall yellow ſorrel mare, about 4 feet 6 inches high, with a blaze face, a natural pacer, and when rode, goes remarkable wide behind, and branded on the near buttock I C. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to me in *Dinwiddie* county, ſhall receive FIVE POUNDS, and on conviction of the thief (if a white man) FIFTY POUNDS.

(2‖) STEPHEN DANCE.

TAKEN up, in *Stafford* county, a black ſteer and a brindled cow, which came to my plantation about 2 years ago. The ſteer marked with a half crop in the right ear, and an underkeel and ſlit in the left, branded on the horns S E. The cow has part of her face white, marked with a ſwallowfork in the left ear, and crop and underkeel in the right. Appraiſed, the ſteer to 25l. the cow to 8l.

(1‖) GEORGE THORNTON.

FISHKILL, JUNE 10.

LAST Tuesday night, six ships came to King's ferry; the enemy have advanced about two miles from the ferry, and are fortifying at Stony Point, on the west side of the river and have occupied the pass from Haverstraw to the forest of Dean; they have advanced on the east side within about two miles of Peeks Kill, and are cutting timber for block houses. General Washington with his army on the west, and the troops on the east side of the river, are so posted, and the garrison at West point being well provided for defence, we have reason to hope a favourable issue, if the enemy should make an attempt to force the posts in the Highlands. The enemy's force are 5400 men.

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 10.

Extract of a letter from Port au Prince, *dated May* 16, 1779.

"THE French are making great captures, and daily bringing them to this and other ports in the island. A few days since arrived the Prudent and Active frigates, with 7 prizes, one of 30 guns, one of 20 guns, several brigs and a sloop. I presume they will shortly deprive these Islanders of all their cruizers. They take many vessels of equal and superiour force, being well manned. I lately saw an action near St. Bartholomew between 5 French frigates and 5 British; they fought but a short time, the latter bearing away, the French frigates did not give chase, having a number of prizes with them. We learn that Count d'Estaign is still at Martinique, and Admiral Byron at St. Lucia, and that the land as well as marine forces at St. Lucia drop off very fast.

"Affairs abroad strike a damp on our enemies, and we think the war will not be of very long continuance. America will secure her trade and independence. The inhabitants in the British islands are starving for want of bread. I have met with several Gentlemen lately from Jamaica, who informs me they got no supplies, and they wish heartily to conciliate measures with America; but it is now too late, the current of vengeance is turned upon the head of the destroyer. The people of this island have a great affection for Americans, and wish you perseverance. May God grant success to your arms."

June 12. On Wednesday last arrived in this port, the schooner Humming Bird, ——— late master. This vessel was bound from the Eastern Shore of Virginia, for the island of Santa Croix, laden with 50 hogsheads of tobacco; and in lat. 36, 40, long. 73, 29, she fell a prey to the sloop Bayard, of ten carriage guns, Benedict Byrn, commander, a privateer belonging to Jonathan Ellsack and Thomas Favian of New York, but was retaken the 9th instant near Cape May, by the General Green armed ship, in the service of this state, commanded by James Montgomery, Esquire. And on Thursday came up the brigantine Impertinent, of ten carriage guns, 4 pounders, 12 swivels, and 53 men, Jacob Gotcheus, commander, late belonging to New York, were also taken by Captain Montgomery.

A man from the southward came in last evening (known as a person of character by the Honourable Mr. Jenifer) who lives near Charlestown, South Carolina, says, the royal army, 7000 in number, with 3000 Tories included, attacked the town, were repulsed, returned to the charge, and got so near as to bayonet with the garrison; when in the time of need, General Lincoln providentially arrived, and falling on their rear, entirely defeated the assailants; they broke, and fled in small parties, leaving 2400 behind them. The Tories declined assisting in the assault made by the British forces.

June 15. Yesterday arrived here the private ship of war Pole, of Liverpool, late commanded by Capt. John Maddock. This vessel which mounts 24 carriage guns, 6 and 9 pounders, sailed from New York on the 6th instant to cruize 4 months on our coast, and then proceeded for Jamaica to take fugars, chased and overtaken four days after by the Boston, a frigate of the United States; the Captain of the Pole surrendered without firing a gun, the Confederacy, of 36 guns, another American frigate, being a little a stern. She has 400 barrels of salted provisions.

Extract from Lord George Gordon's speech in the British House of Commons.

"The distresses of the people at home, and the neglect of their possessions abroad, are becoming every day more apparent and intolerable, which render it impossible for me as one of their representatives, either to compliment his Majesty, or approve of his conduct in such circumstances. Indeed Mr. Speaker, to compliment his Majesty on his present situation, would tend much more, in my opinion, to illustrate the servility of the House of Commons, than to exemplify to the world any blessings of his government.

"Would his Commons congratulate him on his drawn battle at sea? Would they congratulate him on his retreat by land? Will they compliment him on the third year of the independence of the United States? Will they thank him for the honours and emoluments he has heaped upon his favourites during the course of the summer; particularly on the noble Lord with the blue riband [right honurable Lord North] the ostensible minister at the dismemberment of the empire? Will Gentlemen rejoice and be glad at this fresh proof his Majesty has given us in his speech of his gracious intention to carry on the war in America? Will they declare their readiness to impose more taxes on their constituents? And will they answer to his Majesty, for the people paying them without a revolt at home?

"I mention the possibility of a revolt at home, because our constituents have borne much already; they have been patient and of long-suffering. They have felt a gradual imposition of taxes till they have become an intolerable oppression; they have seen the revenues of the kingdom lavished in pensions to the most exceptionable characters. They have seen their trade with America cut off; and they have had a successful example of their fellow subjects revolting from the expensive government of England, to the protection of a wise and virtuous Congress.

"All these heavy calamities, with many more, which it would be tedious to enumerate, have been brought upon this country since the accession of the present King; which make me of opinion, that it is not now a proper time to applaud his wisdom, or support his Counsellors.

"Much has been said of his Majesty's Counsellors. I have opposed them in Parliament with great constancy and firmness, and entertain as bad an opinion of their publick capacity as any Gentleman on this side of the House does. But they are his Majesty's chosen servants, whom he has been collecting from the different parties ever since his accession. Men, I presume, after his own heart.

"It is affirmed that the enemy have been repulsed with considerable loss, in an attack on Fort Clinton, at West Point, on Hudson river. That 200 Hessians [illegible] made prisoners; and that a [illegible] great damage in a successful attempt to cut [illegible] which obstructs the passage of the river [illegible]."

WILLIAMSBURG, JUNE 26.

Extract of a letter from Col. George R. Clarke, *to his Excellency the Governour, dated* Kaskaskias (Illinois) *April* 29, 1779.

A FEW days ago I received certain intelligence of William Moines my express to you being killed, near the falls of the Ohio, an event truly disagreeable to me, as I fear many of my letters will fall into the hands of the enemy at Detroit. I do not doubt but before the receipt of this, you will have heard of my late enterprise against Governour Hamilton at post St. Vincents. That Gentleman, with a body of 600 men, whites and Indians, possessed himself of that post on the 15th of December last, repaired the fortifications for a repository, and in the spring intended to attack this place, which he made no doubt of carrying, and to here he was to be joined by 200 Indians from Michilimackinac, and 300 Cherokees, Chickasaws, and other nations. With this body he was to penetrate up the Ohio to Fort Pitt, sweeping Kentucka in his progress (having light brass cannon for the purpose) and as he was to be joined on the way by all the Indians that could be got to him, he was very sanguine it seems of forcing all West Augusta. This expedition was ordered by the commander in chief of Canada; distruction seemed to hover over us from every quarter; detached parties of the enemy daily appeared in our neighbourhood, but were afraid to attack. I ordered Major Bowman to evacuate the fort at the Cohoes, and join me immediately, which he did. Having not received a single line from you for near twelve months, I could see but little probability of keeping possession of the country. As my number of men was too small to stand a siege, and my situation too remote to call for assistance, I made all the preparations I possibly could for the attack, and was necessitated to set fire to some of the houses in town to clear them out of the way; but in the height of the hurry, a Spanish merchant who had been at St. Vincents, arrived with intelligence that Mr. Hamilton had weakened himself by sending his Indians against the frontiers, and to block up the Ohio; that he had not more than 80 men in garrison, with three pieces of cannon and some swivels mounted; that he intended to attack this place as soon as the winter opened, and made no doubt of clearing the Western waters, by the fall. In this situation of things, I came to the resolution of attacking him before he could have time to collect his Indians again. I was sensible that the resolution was as desperate as was my situation, but I saw no other probability of securing the country. I immediately despatched a small galley which I had fitted up, mounting 4 four pounders and four swivels, with a company of men and necessary stores on board, with orders to force her way if possible, and station herself a few miles below the enemy, to suffer nothing to pass her, and wait for further orders. In the mean time, I marched across the country with 130 men, these being all that I could raise, after leaving this place garrisoned by the militia; the inhabitants of the country behaved exceedingly well; numbers of young men turned out on the expedition, and all the rest embodied themselves to guard the different towns. I marched the 7th of February; notwithstanding the smallness of my corps, I was kept 16 days on the route. The inclemency of the season, high waters, &c. seemed to threaten the loss of the expedition; when within 3 leagues of the enemy, it took us 5 days to cross the drowned lands of the wabash, being for upwards of 2 leagues, often up to our breasts in water. Had not the weather been warm, we must have perished. On the evening of the 23d. we got on dry land, in sight of the enemy, and at 7 o'clock made the attack before they knew any thing of us. The town immediately surrendered with joy, and assisted in the siege. There was a continual fire on both sides for 18 hours: I had no expectation of gaining the fort till the arrival of my artillery. The moon setting about 1 o'clock, I had an entrenchment thrown up within rifle shot of their strongest battery, and poured such showers of well directed balls into their ports, that we silenced 2 pieces of cannon in 15 minutes without getting a man hurt. Governour Hamilton and myself had the following day several conferences, but nothing was concluded till the evening, when he agreed to surrender the garrison prisoners of war, in the whole 79, with considerable stores. I had only one man wounded. Indeed the smallness of my number made it necessary to spare them by every precaution. The enemy had 7 badly wounded through the ports. In the highest of the action an Indian party that had been at war and taken two prisoners, came in, having heard nothing of us. The moment I had notice of it, I sent a party to give them battle in the commons, and got 9 of them with their 3 prisoners, who proved to be Frenchmen.

Being informed that a convoy of provisions and goods was on their way from Detroit, I despatched a party of 60 men in armed boats, well mounted with swivels, to intercept them before they should recieve any intelligence of us. They met the convoy 40 leagues up the river, and made prize of the whole, consisting of 40 prisoners and about 10,000l. worth of provisions and goods, with the mail from Canada to Governour Hamilton; but what crowned the joy of every person, was the safe arrival of the express with your letters, which gave every satisfaction you could have desired. Having more prisoners than I knew what to do with, I was necessitated to discharge the greatest part of them on parole. Mr. Hamilton, his principal officers, and a few soldiers, I have sent under convoy of Capt. Williams, to Kentucka, in order to be conducted to Williamsburg. After despatching the express with letters to you, treating with the neighbouring Indians, &c. I returned to this place, leaving a sufficient garrison at St. Vincents During my absence, Capt. Robert George, who commands the company formerly Capt. Willing's, had arrived from New Orleans, which added greatly to our strength. It gave great satisfaction to the inhabitants to be acquainted with the protection that was given them; and the alliance with France has entirely devoted them to the American arms.

Last Sunday morning Captain Richard Servant of Hampton, in the boat Patriot, with 4 swivels and 8 muskets from the West Indies, coming

past the capes, was attacked by two privateers, one mounting 8, the other 12 guns. Captain Servant, after fighting them near two hours was obliged to run his veſſel on ſhore; the enemy attempted to board him with their boats, which he beat off, and on receiving a ball through his thigh, ſome deſired to leave the deck or be carried on ſhore, but refuſed, telling his men the veſſel ſhall not be given [illegible] you will ſtand by me." Soon after [illegible] ball went through his body, and on falling to the deck he ſaid, I am a dead [illegible] mind me boys, your bravery will ſave the veſſel. The men immediately went to his aſſiſtance and told him, he ſhould not fall into the enemy's hands. While the men were carrying him on ſhore, the enemy took poſſeſſion of his veſſel. In the engagement one man was ſhot through the leg. Captain Servant died in 24 hours after being landed.

The ſloop Fanny, Captain Beak, and the ſloop Patty, Captain Brown, are ſafe arrived at Smithfield, from the Weſt Indies.

The following Gentlemen are choſen delegates to repreſent this ſtate in Congreſs, viz. GABRIEL JONES, EDMUND RANDOLPH, JAMES MERCER, PATRICK HENRY, WILLIAM FITZHUGH, MERIWETHER SMITH, and CYRUS GRIFFIN, Eſquires.

An ACT *for obliging the ſeveral delinquent counties and diviſions of* MILITIA *in this* COMMONWEALTH, *to furniſh one twenty fifth man.*

WHEREAS an act for ſpeedily recruiting the *Virginia* regiments on continental eſtabliſhment, which paſſed the laſt ſeſſion of General Aſſembly, hath not produced the end propoſed, many counties having failed to furniſh one twenty fifth man, according to the ſaid act; and whereas it is juſt that the whole community ſhould bear an equal part in publick defence: *Be it enacted by the General Aſſembly*, that the county Lieutenant or Commanding Officer of the militia, ſhall, where the ſame hath not been hitherto done, cauſe his county to be immediately laid off into diviſions, according to the directions of the ſaid recited act, each of which diviſions ſhall furniſh a man, agreeable to the terms of the ſaid act, by the ſecond day of *Auguſt*, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy nine; and in thoſe counties where, although the militia hath been already laid off in diviſions, have failed to furniſh a ſoldier as required by the ſaid recited act, every diviſion having ſo failed, ſhall be allowed the ſame time to furniſh ſuch ſoldier. And if at the expiration of the ſaid time, any diviſion ſhall ſtill have failed, the county Lieutenant ſhall order the ſaid diviſion to aſſemble at ſuch place, and on ſuch day as he ſhall appoint, within fifteen days after the time ſo allowed, and ſhall there himſelf, or by a field officer, by fair and impartial lot, draft one man out of ſuch diviſion, to ſerve as a regular ſoldier for the term of eighteen months, from the time of his meeting in general rendezvous, who ſhall be of able body, ſubject to the ſame duties, and entitled to the ſame emoluments as thoſe men who enliſted under the terms of the ſaid recited act. The Governour and Council ſhall take order for the diſpoſal of the men to be raiſed under this act, in the manner moſt likely to fulfil the intention thereof. The fines on the county Lieutenant, Juſtice, or any other perſon failing to do his duty herein, ſhall be the ſame as in the above recited act, and recoverable in like manner.

AT a court of enquiry held at *Williamſburg* the 4th of *June*, 1779, by order of *Thomas Marſhall*, Eſq; Colonel of the ſtate regiment of artillery, and commander of the troops of the commonwealth, on the conduct of Major *Thomas Matthews* of the ſtate artillery, reſpecting the evacuation of *Fort Nelſon* on the 10th of *May*, his retreat ſubſequent thereto, and the meaſures he took to ſecure the publick ſtores, at the requeſt of the ſaid Major *Thomas Matthews*; Lieutenant Colonel *Muter*, Preſident, Captains *Charles Porterfield*, *Elias Edmunds*, *Charles de Klauman*, and *Samuel Crawley*.

The court having conſidered the facts as ſtated by the ſeveral perſons examined, are unanimouſly of opinion, that the evacuation of *Fort Nelſon* by Major *Matthews* on the 10th of *May* was neceſſary; and that Major *Matthews* in his retreat, and the removal of the publick ſtores, acquitted himſelf as a judicious, attentive, and brave officer.

GEORGE MUTER, Preſident.

AFTER maturely conſidering the ſeveral circumſtances attending the ſeveral ſubjects of the above inquiry, I do moſt heartily concur in opinion with the court. T. MARSHALL, Col. 8. A.

WANTS EMPLOY,

ONE that is well acquainted with the SLAVONIAN, RUSSIAN, FRENCH, LATIN, and ſome other learned languages, who is willing to act in either a publick or private capacity, and may be ſpoke with at Capt. *Laporte*'s ſtore, next door to Mrs. *Vobe*'s in this city.

By virtue of a decree of the Hon. Court of Admiralty, will be ſold on the 2d *of* July *next, in the town of* Hampton,

THE pilot boat ANNE, a faſt ſailing veſſel, about 2 years old, near 20 tons burthen, with her ſails, rigging, &c. almoſt new, and the boat in exceeding good order.

(1) BEN. POWELL, Marſhal.

I HAVE for ſale in *King & Queen* county, a ſmall decked boat that will carry 250 buſhels, with new ſails, rigging, &c. The terms may be known, and the boat ſeen, by applying to the ſubſcriber at the courthouſe of the ſaid county. (1‖) WILLIAM HARWOOD.

PUNGOTEAGUE, ACCOMACK *county*, Eaſtern Shore of Virginia. RUN away from the ſubſcriber the 23d day of *May*, 1779, two negro fellows, viz. PRECEPT, a ſmall fellow thin viſaged and ſlow of ſpeech, but ſenſible, have great reaſon to believe he will make for *Princeſs Anne* and *Norfolk* counties, as he formerly belonged to one Captain *Keel* or *Krelin*, of one of thoſe counties; the other a ſtout able fellow, by the name of TONEY, ſpeaks good *French* bad *Engliſh*, he has ſeveral ſcars about his body, one of which I think is on his left breaſt, and have reaſon to ſuppoſe they will try to get on board the *Britiſh* fleet, ſhould they fail, I ſuppoſe the latter will try to get on board ſome *French* veſſel, as he was born in the *French Weſt Indies*. Any perſon taking up and ſecuring the ſaid negroes, ſo that I get them again, ſhall have a reward of twenty dollars each. (2‖) WILLIAM B. WALKER.

FOR SALE,

A NEW ſloop, burthen 60 hogſheads, completely fitted for ſea; few in the country will ſail ſwifter. For terms inquire of the ſubſcriber near *Suffolk*. JOHN DRIVER.

FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the ſubſcriber at *Providence* forge, in *New Kent*, on the night of the 7th of *April*, a dark bay mare, 4 years old laſt *May*, about 4 feet 8 inches high, branded on the near buttock and ſhoulder ● with a ſwitch tail and hanging mane, had on a ſmall bell. Any perſon that will bring the ſaid mare to me at the forge, or to my plantation in *Spotſylvania*, ſhall receive the above reward, and for ſuch information ſo I get her again, THIRTY DOLLARS.

(2‖) WILLIAM BLAYDES.

THE ſubſcriber has for ſale 50,000 acres of land, part of the tract granted to himſelf and company at the mouth of *Green* river, on *Ohio*. For terms apply to Colonel *Robert Burton*, of *Granville* county, *North Carolina*. (6‖) RICHARD HENDERSON.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber in *Accomack* county the 23d day of *May*, a likely negro fellow named JOSHUA, about 21 years of age, well made, is of a yellowiſh complexion, has had five fingers on each hand, but one has been cut off of each. Whoever will apprehend the ſaid negro ſo that I get him again, ſhall be liberally rewarded.

(2‖) THOMAS FISHER.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber at *Guilford* warehouſe, in *Accomack* county, three negro men, viz. *Iſaac*, *Ned*, and *Jacob*. *Iſaac* is about 28 years of age, a ſhort well made fellow of a yellowiſh complexion, by trade a ſhoemaker, and is very fond of playing on the violin. *Ned*, about 26 years of age, of the ſame complexion as *Iſaac*, and is a good ſawyer. *Jacob*, about 24 years of age, is a ſawyer, and has been uſed to ſaw with *Ned*. Whoever will apprehend and ſecure the ſaid negroes ſo that they may be had again, ſhall be handſomely rewarded by

(2‖) WILLIAM YOUNG.

SILVER BANK, *June* 2, 1779.

STOLEN out of my paſture on the night of *Monday* the 31ſt of laſt month, a very handſome bay mare, riſing 6 years old, near 15 hands high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, ſhe has a ſhip on her noſe, her off hind foot white as high as the footlock, her off fore hoof a little ſplit, and ſhe drags in trotting, not branded nor very well broke, though ſhe was juſt beginning to pace pretty well. There was ſtolen at the ſame time, a large hogſkin ſaddle, half worn, with an old blue imported ſaddle cloth, trimmed with white cloth; alſo a bridle and a halter. Whoever will deliver the above deſcribed mare to me, near *Osborn*'s warehouſe, on *James* river, or gives ſuch information as will enable me to get her, ſhall receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, and on conviction of the thief, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS. DANIEL M'CALLUM.

TAKEN up, in the lower part of *Orange*, county a black mare, near 14 hands high, about 4 or 5 years old, neither docked nor branded; alſo a ſorrel ſtone yearling colt, with a blaze face, left hind foot white, neither docked nor branded. Poſted and appraiſed, the mare to 60l. and the colt to 35l. (1‖) JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

TAKEN up, in *Orange* county, a red brindled ſteer and a black pied cow, each marked with a half ſpade in the left ear, and a hole in the right. The cow is branded on each hip D R, and the ſteer branded on the left hip, but not perceivable, and is about 3 years old. Appraiſed to 14l. each. (4‖) JOHN BRANHAM.

TAKEN up, in *Spotſylvania* county, a dark brown heifer, marked with a crop in the right ear, and an overkeel in the left. Poſted and appraiſed to 10l. (2‖) JOHN PRICE.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper*, near the *Little Fork* church, a pale red heifer, 2 years old, with ſome white on the rump, under the belly, and on the tail, unmarked. Appraiſed to 6l.

(2‖) THOMAS SPILMAN.

TAKEN up, in *Cheſterfield* county, 4 ſheep, 2 ewes and 2 lambs, all white, one of the ewes marked with a ſwallowfork in the left ear, and underkeel in the right, the other marked with a ſwallowfork in the right ear, and an underkeel in the left, lambs unmarked.

(2‖) THOMAS CARY.

TAKEN up, in *Orange* county, a black mare about 5 years old laſt ſpring, 4 feet 5 inches high, branded on the near buttock IS, hanging mane and ſprig tail; alſo a yearling bay mare colt, branded on the near buttock C, not docked, both hind feet white, with a large ſtar in her forehead. Poſted, and appraiſed, the black mare to 50l. and the colt to 10l. (1) EDMOND BURRUS.

TAKEN up, in *Orange* county, a red bull, about 3 years old, marked with a ſwallowfork in the right ear, the uper part of the fork appears to be cropt, and a hole in the left ear. Appraiſed to 5l.

(1) WILLIAM EDWARDS.

TAKEN up, on *Pole Cat* creek, in *Halifax* county, a dark bay mare, about 11 years old, 4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, with a ſmall ſtar in her forehead, a number of ſaddle ſpots, her off eye appears to have been hurt, as there is a gloſs over it, her foretop is mixed with white hairs. Appraiſed to 50l. (1) WILLIAM MAYES, Sen.

TAKEN up, in the upper end of *Cheſterfield* county, a black horſe, about 4 feet 7 inches high, his brand (if any) very dull, paces well, appears old. Poſted and appraiſed to 20l.

(1) DAVID NUNNALLY.

TAKEN up, in *Cheſterfield* county, a pale ſorrel mare, 4 feet 4 or 5 inches high, appears very old, docked ſhort, and has a ſmall ſtar in her forehead. (1) THOMAS GOODE.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 15, 1779.

I WILL give great wages for GUN STOCKERS, and BLACKSMITHS, that are good workmen.

(tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be let to the loweſt bidder, on the 1ſt *Tueſday* in *Auguſt* next, in the town of *Lexington*, and county of *Rockbridge*, the building a courthouſe for the ſaid county. The houſe is to have a ſtone foundation and brick wall, and will be large. A plan of the ſaid houſe ſhall be produced on the day of letting.

(1) THE TRUSTEES.

SHENANDO county, *March* 24, 1779.

ALL perſons indebted to the eſtate of *Peter Ruffner*, deceaſed, are deſired to make immediate payment; thoſe who have demands againſt the ſaid eſtate, to bring them properly atteſted, and they ſhall be paid off. It will not pay any intereſt on bond, *&c.* after the firſt day of *Auguſt* next

(1) MARY RUFFNER, Adminiſtratrix.

On Tueſday *the* 29*th inſtant* (June) *will be expoſed to ſale for ready money*,

THE perſonal eſtate of Mrs. *Elizabeth Dawſon*, late of this city, deceaſed, conſiſting of a variety of houſehold and kitchen furniture. At the ſame time the houſe and lot on which Mrs. *Dawſon* lived, with the improvements convenient for the reception of a family, and in an agreeable ſituation, will be ſold to the higheſt bidder.

(2‖) THE ADMINISTATOR.

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidder, at the ſeveral times and places undermentioned, ſeveral plantations or tracts of land belonging to the eſtate of *John Auſtin Finnie*, deceaſed, *viz.*

ON Tueſday *the* 13*th of* July *next*, *at* Prince George *courthouſe*, *a plantation or tract of land* 5 *or* 600 *acres*, *on* Ward's *creek*, *near* Brandon *church*, *in ſaid county*. *Mr.* Joſeph Glover, *who lives near this land*, *will ſhew it to any perſon inclined to purchaſe*.——*On* Friday *the* 16*th of* July, *on the premiſes*, *a plantation or tract of land about* 500 *acres*, *on* Pidgeon *ſwamp*, *in* Suſſex *county*. *Maſ.* Cotton *and* Weaver, *who live near this land*, *will ſhew it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe*.—*On* Tueſday *the* 20*th of* July, *at the plantation whereon* Richard Bouſh *lives*, *near Mr.* Faulcon's, *on* Little Fishing *creek* (*late* Bute) *now* Warren *county*, *in* North Carolina, *the following tracts of land*, *viz.*

Nine hundred and thirty acres, *more or leſs*, *of good tobacco and grain land on* Hubb Quarter *creek*, *near Mr.* Thomas Miller's *and Mrs.* Sarah Johnſon's, *in good order for croping*, *with a good overſeer's houſe*, *and others ſuitable for negroes*, *and ſecuring the crop*, *is in a good neighbourhood*, *and convenient to church and mill*. *Mr.* James Meade, *who rents the plantation till the* 25*th of* December *next*, *will ſhew the land to any perſon inclined to purchaſe*.—*200 acres more or leſs*, *of good tobacco and grain land*, *on* Little Fishing *creek*, *adjoining the land of Mr.* John Faulcon, *pretily ſituate for a private family*, *a ſtore*, *or a tavern*, *in a good neighbourhood*, *convenient to church and mill*, *and in good order for cropping*, *with almoſt every houſe neceſſary for that purpoſe*. *Mr.* Richard Bouſh, *who rents the plantation till the* 25*th of* December *next*, *will ſhew this land to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe*.——*1643 acres*, *more or leſs*, *of very good grain land on* Ready *creek and contiguous thereto*, *it adjoining Mr.* Richard Kerney's *land*, *in good order for croping*, *with ſeveral houſes convenient for the purpoſe*. *Mr.* Kerney, *who rents the plantation till the* 25*th of* December *next*, *will ſhew it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe*.— 829 *acres*, *more or leſs*, *of good tobacco and grain land on* Great Fishing *and* Pollom Quarter *creeks*, *contiguous to Doctor* Richard Cocke's *land*, *and adjoining the land of* John Willis, *Eſq*; *in a good neighbourhood*, *has an overſeer's and ſeveral other houſes upon it*, *and is in tolerable order for croping*. *Mr.* Henry Howard *who lives on the plantation till the* 25*th of* December *next*, *will ſhew this land to any perſon inclined to purchaſe*.——*And on* Friday *the* 23*d of* July, *will be ſold on the premiſes*, 300 *acres of land*, *more or leſs*, *in the county of* Brunſwick, *good for tobacco and corn*, *and adjoins the land late Mr.* Charles Turnbull's (*now Mr.* Warwick's) *Mr.* Thomas Bracey's, *Mr.* Charles Yarbrough's, *and Mr.* John Steed's.---*It is preſumed that all perſons inclined to purchaſe*, *will view the above lands before the reſpective days of ſale*, *it is needleſs therefore to be more particular here to obſerve*, *that bonds*, *with undoubted ſecurity*, *muſt be given by the purchaſers*, *who will have* 6 *months credit for one third of the purchaſe money*, 12 *months for another third*, *and* 18 *months for the balance*.

THOMAS TABB, Attorney in fact for Mrs. *Joanna Finnie*, and Miſs *Mary Finnie*.

To be SOLD *at publick ſale on* Saturday *the* 3*d of* July *at* Osbornes,

A VESSEL 54 feet keel, 22 feet beam, and 9½ feet hold; ſhe is a burthenſome ſtrong veſſel, and will be neatly finiſhed; it is expected ſhe will be nearly ready to launch by the day of ſale. The money will be expected one month after launching; bond and ſecurity will be required.

(1) ALEXANDER LOVE

I HAVE for ſale, and ready to take in freights deſigned for the bay two ſloops, one entirely new, the other juſt repaired, and both well found with new ſails, anchors, and rigging, the former intend to carry, 80 hogſheads under deck, the latter from 35 to 38. For terms apply to me in *Alexandria*. (1) JOHN MILLS.

TAKEN up, on *James river*, in the lower end of *Buckingham* county, a red ſteer, marked with a ſwallow fork in the right ear, and a ſmal ſlit and underkeel in the left, appears to be about three years old; alſo a red and white heifer, about the ſame age, marked with a ſwallow fork in the right ear, and two ſlits and an underkeel in the left. The red ſteer appraiſed to 9l. and the red and white heifer to 11l.

(1) JOSEPH SHORES PRICE.

TAKEN up, near *Booker*'s ferry, in *Halifax* county, a yellow clay, coloured mare, about 4 feet 3 inches high, 9 years old, with a flaxen mane and tail, ſome white hairs in her face a blemiſh in her off eye, paces, and branded on the near buttock, which is dull and not diſcernable what. Appraiſed to 30l. (1) PARHAM BOOKER.

To be SOLD, *purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of* Richard Chamberlayne, *deceaſed*, *for ready money or loan office certificates*, *on the* 4*th* Thurſday *in next month*, *at* Pittſylvania *courthouſe*, *being court day*,

FOUR hundred acres of unimproved land, more or leſs, lying in the ſaid county, which is looked upon to be very good for the cultivation of tobacco, corn, or wheat. Immediate poſſeſſion will be given the purchaſer by Mr. *Richard Lacy*, who is impowered to conduct the ſale, and receive the money. Mr. *Lacy*, who lives near the ſaid land will ſhew it to any perſon inclinable to purchaſe, and the ſubſcribers will paſs a deed for the ſame, at any time, upon application being made to them.

(5‖) MARY CHAMBERLAYNE, } Executrix.
WILLIAM CLAYTON, } Executor.

NEW KENT, *June* 14, 1779.

FREDERICKSBURG, *May* 27, 1779.

THE ſubſciber has for ſale a large parcel of coarſe broad cloths of different colours, among them ſcarlet and blue, by the bale or piece. (6) JAMES HUNTER, Jun.

RICHMOND, *June* 8, 1779.

THE members of *Fielding Lewis*, and company, are requeſted to meet at *Fredericksburg*, on *Monday* the 28th inſtant, on buſineſs of importance. (2‖) JOSHUA STORRS.

To be SOLD *at publick vendue*, *at* Edenton, *on* Thurſday *the* 15*th day of* July *next*, *for ready money*,

THE ſtate brig PENNSYLVANIA FARMER, as ſhe now lies, with all her ſails, rigging, anchors, cables, *&c.* about 120 tuns burthen, and a prime ſailer. At the ſame time will be ſold, 16 carriage guns, 6 and 4 pounders, and 10 ſwivel guns. (1)

To be SOLD *at publick auction on* Thurſday *the firſt day of* July *next*, *before Mr.* Bradley's *tavern in* Peterſburg,

THE Ship BERNIER, now lying at *Broadway* near *Peterſburg*, in this ſtate, ſhe is *London* river built, capable of carrying 500 hhds. of tobacco, and a very good ſailer, is well found with cables and anchors, completely furniſhed with every material neceſſary for a voyage, and may be got ready for ſea in a fortnight; beſides a compleat ſuit of ſails, ſhe has a number of good ſpare ſails, and a quantity of rigging, with two pieces of four pound cannon. An inventory of her materials may be ſeen on board the ſhip. At the ſame time will be ſold, about 280 hhds. of prime upland tobacco, which was prepared for her cargo, of which 60 hhds. were on board, the reſidue are in this town, and the vicinity of *Richmond* on *James* river.

WANTED,

A FERRY BOAT that will carry 6 or 8 HORSES. I will give the higheſt price for ſuch a one, or would gladly engage any perſon to build one. LEWIS BURWELL, Jun.

KINGS MILL, *June* 8, 1779.

STRAYED or ſtolen, from *Amelia* courthouſe, on the 25th of *February* laſt, a bay horſe, with a bridle and ſaddle, about 4 feet 2 or 3 inches high, 5 years old this ſpring, no brand, a ſcar on his ſhank, a large ſtar in his forehead, and long thin ſwitch tail. A reward of FIFTY DOLLARS will be paid to any perſon that delivers him to the ſubſcriber, in *Amelia* county, and ONE HUNDRED on conviction of the thief.

(1) DANIEL STRINGER.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or ſtolen from my paſture in *Blandford*, on the 29th of *May* laſt, a light bay horſe, 4 feet 5 or 6 inches high, 6 years old, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, a black ſtreak runs from his withers to the root of his tail, was ſhod all round, and had a ſplit in one of his hind hoofs, paces a little, trots and gallops with good ſpirit. He was bred in *Bedford* county, and was once owned by Mr. *William Bouldin*, in *Charlotte* county. I will give the above reward to any perſon who will deliver him to me in *Blandford*. (1) RICHARD BATES.

STOLEN from *Williamſburg*, on the night of the 6th inſtant *(June)* a ſorrel mare, near 14 hands high, 6 years old, one of her hind legs white above the footlock, a blaze in her face, hanging mane and ſwitch tail, paces pretty well, and branded on her near buttock T, at the bottom of which is a white ſpot. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to the ſubſcriber ſhall receive 30 dollars reward, and if brought upwards of 50 miles, I will give a dollar per mile. JOHN SAUNDERS.

TAKEN up, in *Culpeper* county, a ſtray red heifer, marked with a crop and ſlit in the left ear, and an overkeel in the right. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. (2‖) ROBERT COLEMAN.

TAKEN up in *Brunſwick* near *Sweeds* bridge, on *Nottoway* river about *Chriſtmas* laſt, a bay horſe, 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, 4 or 5 years old this ſpring, has a ſtar in his forehead, a dull blaze down his face, a ſnip on his noſe, no brand, long tail and mane, ſome white on the inſide of his right fore foot. Poſted and appraiſed to 130l.

HENRY BAILEY.

TO prevent the owner meeting with an impoſition when he applies for his horſe, as I expect *Bailey* will want to pay him the appraiſement. He has ſince ſold the horſe for 250l. and the horſe was immediately valued to 300l. and put to work in a waggon.

LAWRENCE HOWSE.

TAKEN up, in *Montgomery* county, a ſorrel mare 9 years old, 13 hands high, branded on the near ſhoulder S, the hair of her tail cut even, trots and gallops. Appraiſed to 30l. alſo a year old heifer, has black and white ſpots, marked with a crop and underkeel in the left ear. Appraiſed to 3l. 5s. likewiſe a year old heifer, with yellow and white ſpots, a ſmall ſtar under the left horn, no mark perceivable.

(1) PATRICK CAMPBELL.